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SUBJECT: SHIP BUNKERS SHORTAGE

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1. ON BASIS CONTACTS WITH TWO LARGEST AMERICAN OIL COMPANIES HERE (EXXON AND GULF SUBSIDIARIES) EMBASSY CAN REPORT THAT SUFFICIENT BUNKERS ARE AVAILABLE IN VENEZUELA FOR SHIPS THAT WOULD NORMALLY BUNKER HERE. NEITHER VENEZUELAN GOVERNMENT NOR OIL COMPANIES HAVE IMPOSED ANY RESTRICTIONS ON BUNKERING, EITHER AS TO QUANTITIES OR AS TO FLAG OR NATIONALITY OF VESSELS.

2. SINCE VENEZUELA HAS SURPLUS BUNKERS WHICH ARE EXPORTED, NO SHORTAGE IS EXPECTED TO DEVELOP. HOWEVER, COMPANY SOURCES HERE WOULD COUNSEL AGAINST ADVERTISING UNRESTRICTED AVAILABILITY OF BUNKERS HERE BECAUSE ATTRACTING ADDITIONAL SHIPS WHICH WOULD NOT NORMALLY BUNKER IN VENEZUELA WOULD ONLY REDUCE EXPORT AVAILABILITY OF BUNKERS, ADDING TO BUNKERS SHORTAGE IN OTHER PORTS (INCLUDING U.S.) WHICH NORMALLY RECEIVED SURPLUS VENEZUELAN BUNKERS.
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